

The Secretary of State hereafter is authorized without regard to section 505 of the Classification Act of 1949 to place the position of Director, Office of Budget and Finance in grade GS-17 in the General Schedule established by the Classification Act of 1949 so long as the position is held by the present incumbent.

The Secretary of Commerce hereafter is authorized without regard to section 505 of the Classification Act of 1949 to place the position of Director, Office of Budget and Management in grade GS-17 in the General Schedule established by the Classification Act of 1949 so long as the position is held by the present incumbent.

SEC. 607. This Act may be cited as the "Departments of State, Justice, Commerce, and the Judiciary Appropriation Act, 1952".

Approved October 22, 1951.

State Department.

Commerce Department.

Short title.

## Public Law 189

## CHAPTER 534

### AN ACT

To amend the National Labor Relations Act, as amended, and for other purposes.

October 22, 1951  
[S. 1959]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the National Labor Relations Act, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

National Labor Relations Act, amendment.  
61 Stat. 136.  
29 U. S. C. § 167.

(a) By adding at the end of said Act the following new section:

"SEC. 18. No petition entertained, no investigation made, no election held, and no certification issued by the National Labor Relations Board, under any of the provisions of section 9 of the National Labor Relations Act, as amended, shall be invalid by reason of the failure of the Congress of Industrial Organizations to have complied with the requirements of section 9 (f), (g), or (h) of the aforesaid Act prior to December 22, 1949, or by reason of the failure of the American Federation of Labor to have complied with the provisions of section 9 (f), (g), or (h) of the aforesaid Act prior to November 7, 1947: *Provided*, That no liability shall be imposed under any provision of this Act upon any person for failure to honor any election or certificate referred to above, prior to the effective date of this amendment: *Provided, however*, That this proviso shall not have the effect of setting aside or in any way affecting judgments or decrees heretofore entered under section 10 (e) or (f) and which have become final."

Elections, etc.

29 U. S. C. § 159.

(b) Subsection (a) (3) of section 8 of said Act is amended by striking out so much of the first sentence as reads "; and (ii) if, following the most recent election held as provided in section 9 (e) the Board shall have certified that at least a majority of the employees eligible to vote in such election have voted to authorize such labor organization to make such an agreement:" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "and has at the time the agreement was made or within the preceding twelve months received from the Board a notice of compliance with sections 9 (f), (g), (h), and (ii) unless following an election held as provided in section 9 (e) within one year preceding the effective date of such agreement, the Board shall have certified that at least a majority of the employees eligible to vote in such election have voted to rescind the authority of such labor organization to make such an agreement:"

29 U. S. C. § 160.

29 U. S. C. § 158.

(c) Section 9 (e) of such Act is amended by striking out all of subsections (1) and (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "(1) Upon the filing with the Board, by 30 per centum or more of the employees in a bargaining unit covered by an agreement between their

Secret ballot by Board.

employer and a labor organization made pursuant to section 8 (a) (3), of a petition alleging they desire that such authority be rescinded, the Board shall take a secret ballot of the employees in such unit and certify the results thereof to such labor organization and to the employer." Renumber subsection "(3)" as "(2)".

(d) Subsections (f), (g), and (h) of section 9 of such Act are amended by striking out the words "No petition under section 9 (e) (1) shall be entertained," where they appear in each of such subsections.

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## Public Law 190

## CHAPTER 538

### AN ACT

October 23, 1951  
[S. 467]

To authorize the exchange of wildlife refuge lands within the State of Minnesota,

Minnesota.  
Exchange of certain  
lands.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in his discretion, to convey any lands and improvements, or interests therein, of the United States within the Talcot National Wildlife Refuge or the Beltrami Wildlife Management Area to the State of Minnesota in exchange for other lands and improvements, or interests therein, of equal value, which he deems chiefly valuable for migratory bird management purposes.

SEC. 2. Any lands acquired by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to this Act, if located within or adjacent to an existing wildlife refuge or reservation, shall immediately become a part of such refuge or reservation and shall be administered under the laws and regulations applicable thereto; and if not so located, may be administered as migratory waterfowl management areas, refuges, reservations, or breeding grounds in accordance with the provisions of the Act of March 10, 1934, as amended (60 Stat. 1080), and Acts supplementary thereto.

48 Stat. 401.  
16 U. S. C. §§ 661-  
666c.

Approved October 23, 1951.

## Public Law 191

## CHAPTER 540

### AN ACT

October 24, 1951  
[S. 752]

Authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Maryland-National  
Capital Park and  
Planning Commission.  
Conveyance.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of Agriculture be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to convey by a quitclaim deed to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, a public agency created by the General Assembly of Maryland, all of the remaining portion of the former animal disease station near Bethesda, Maryland, consisting of approximately thirty-two acres, to be used exclusively for public park, parkway, or playground purposes and on the express condition that if the said Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission fails to use the lands for the purposes herein provided, or at any time discontinues the use of such lands for the purposes herein provided, or attempts to alienate such lands, title thereto shall revert to and become vested in the United States of America.

Approved October 24, 1951.